HARBOURS

*752. [36]‡ **Sri. Sree V. Das:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Communications be pleased to answer the following questions.—

(*a*) how many of the harbours in Travancore-Cochin State are under the direct administration of the Union Government; which are they;

(*b*) apart from them, which others are having harbour facilities;

(*c*) have the Government prepared any scheme for improving the above small ports;

(*d*) if so, have the Union Government approved it;

(*e*) have the Government received any grant or loan from the Union Government for improving small ports;

(*f*) are there posibilities for improving small ports at Leepuram, Colachel and Vizhinjam;

(*g*) if there are, what steps have the Government taken so far regarding that?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) The Port of Cochin only.

(*b*) 1. Alleppey
2. Quilon
3. Trivandrum
4. Colachel
5. Koilthottam
6. Munambam
7. Manakudy
8. Kovalam and
9. Rajakkamangalam

(*c*) Government have already sanctioned the construction of a new pier at Valiathurai, Trivandrum. Government are also considering the question of improving the Alleppey Pier. There are no schemes for the improvement of the other ports.

(*d*) The administration of minor ports is vested with the State Government. The question of approval by the Union Government does not, therefore, arise.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) and (*g*). The possibilities of developing small ports at Leepuram and Colachel have to be investigated. As regards Vizhinjam, there are posibilities for a major port with all-weather berths and dry-docks. But in view of the reconstruction of the Valiathura Pier, there does not appear to be any necessity for a port at Vizhinjam.

SOIL ANALYSIS

*753. [37] **Sri. N. P. Verghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any arrangement in the University Research Department or Agricultural Department for soil analysis of the various types of soil in the State?

Chief Minister **[Sri. C. Kesavan]:** Yes.

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‡The Member being absent, the question was put by Sri. R. K. Ram, with the permission of the Chair.

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